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January 21, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

30 January 21, 2014

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AGREEMENT FOR METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
TO PERFORM AS-NEEDED SERVICES FOR INLET/OUTLET WORKS AT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT DAMS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to execute a five-year agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to perform specialized inspection and repair services for valves, gates, and appurtenances at Los Angeles County Flood Control District dams on an as-needed basis.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

Approve and authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to execute a five-year agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to perform as-needed inspection and repair services for inlet/outlet works at Los Angeles County Flood Control District dams for a total fee not to exceed \$1,000,000, financed with the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Flood Control District Fund Budget and to administer the agreement and determine and direct the services to be provided under the agreement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to establish a new agreement with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) to perform specialized as-needed inspection and repair

services at Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) dams, including but not limited to: mechanical diagnostics, welding, machining, fabrication, inspections, and underwater diving services.

The District owns and operates 14 major dams located within Los Angeles County. These facilities are equipped with a variety of outlet works systems including steel and concrete penstocks with various types of gates and valves. The inlet/outlet works systems are essential for flood control, dam safety, and stormwater capture purposes. These systems require continuous maintenance and inspections and occasionally require major rebuilds or replacements. An as-needed contract with MWD allows for emergency inspections and timely repairs that are not available through in-house forces. Repair work under the agreement will be authorized through notices to proceed as individual projects are identified.

On June 29, 2004, the Board approved and authorized executing a four-year agreement with MWD for machine shop and specialized valve repair services. On November 20, 2007, the Board approved and authorized a supplemental agreement to extend the contract period for an additional three years and increase the total not-to-exceed fee by \$500,000. In 2011 a second supplemental agreement was executed under delegated authority by the Chief Engineer of the District to extend the contract period for an additional two years with no increase to the not-to-exceed fee. Many productive tasks were completed under this agreement, including rehabilitation of large valves, underwater inspections, custom machining, and repairs to mechanical equipment at various dams. We are now recommending a new agreement with MWD to continue completing repairs and rehabilitations for essential flood control infrastructure. The ability to employ MWD's expert services on an as-needed basis has proven to be a very valuable resource for maintaining operability of the dams for flood control and stormwater capture for groundwater recharge.

MWD is uniquely equipped and qualified to provide the specialized services necessary to support the District's operation of the dams. MWD is a public agency of the State of California and is engaged in transporting, storing, and distributing water in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura Counties. MWD owns and operates a large network of dams, channels, treatment facilities, and service lines. To maintain its infrastructure, MWD has an extensive machine and fabrication shop, coating shop, and underwater dive team. MWD is recognized for its expertise and experience with the maintenance, repair, and operation of the valves, gates, and appurtenances typical at District dams.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). This action is consistent with this goal since MWD is equipped to perform specialized services in a timely manner to support safe and reliable operation of District dams, critical for flood management and stormwater capture for groundwater recharge.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Financing for these services is available in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Flood Control District Fund Budget. The recommended agreement is for services on an as-needed basis for a total fee not to exceed \$1,000,000. Financing for subsequent fiscal years will be made available through the annual

budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 31000, the Board may enter into an agreement for special services on behalf of the District with specially trained persons to provide the services described herein, whereas such services are not available internally. The agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Execution of the as-needed agreement is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project under Section 15378(b)(4) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action, to execute the as-needed agreement for specialized inspection and repair services for valves, gates, and appurtenances at District dams, involves the creation of a government funding mechanism, which does not involve commitment to any specific project, which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment. Additionally, the recommended action is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

It is anticipated that the work, which will be approved in the form of a notice to proceed, will be categorically exempt under CEQA. However, to the extent that any activities require more extensive CEQA documentation, we will return to the Board for consideration of appropriate CEQA documentation prior to issuance of a notice to proceed.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no adverse impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Water Resources Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

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